

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 31 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As in example 1, but the active material from comparative example 3 was washed with aqueous nitric acid. The resulting active material had the composition $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.29}\text{Te}_{0.13}\text{Nb}_{0.13}\text{Pd}_{0.001}\text{O}_x$. The associated X-ray diffraction pattern is shown in figure 7 ($R = 0.74$). $\text{BET} = 17.4 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$. It was applied in the same manner to the same support as in comparative example 1, so that a coated catalyst [[B2]] B3 comprising 20% by weight of active material resulted.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 26, line 44 and ending on page 27, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As in comparative example 1, except that the addition of the 5.60 g of nickel(II) nitrate hexahydrate was not carried out. The resulting active material had the composition $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.33}\text{Te}_{0.16}\text{Nb}_{0.11}\text{O}_x$. The associated X-ray diffraction pattern is shown in figure 16 ($R = 0.26$). $\text{BET} = 6.7 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$. It was applied in the same manner to the same support as in comparative example 1, so that a coated catalyst [[VB7]] VB8 comprising 20% by weight of active material resulted.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As in example 1, but the active material from comparative example [[7]] 8 was washed with aqueous nitric acid. The resulting active material had the composition $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.29}\text{Te}_{0.13}\text{Nb}_{0.13}\text{O}_x$.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The associated X-ray diffraction pattern is shown in figure 17 ($R = 0.68$). $BET = 26.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$. It was applied in the same manner to the same support as in comparative example 1, so that a coated catalyst $[[VB8]]$ VB9 comprising 20% by weight of active material resulted.